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SUBJECT: FOREIGN MINISTER COMMENTS ON PERUVIAN ARMS PURCHASES;
EDITORIAL COMMENT ON CHILEAN ARMS PURCHASES.

1. AUGUST 3 LA PRENSA FEATURES FOREIGN MINISTER DE LA FLOR'S COMMENTS TO THE PRESS ABOUT PERUVIAN ARMS PURCHASES. NEWSPAPER REPORTS THAT "FOREIGN MINISTER DE LA FLOR SAID YESTERDAY THAT THE NEW ARMS DEMONSTRATED BY THE ARMY IN THE RECENT MILITARY PARADE DO NOT REPRESENT A SQUANDERING OF FUNDS BY PERU NOR ARE (THE PURCHASES) CONTRARY TO PRESIDENT VELASCO'S HOPES TO RESTRAIN 'ARMAMENTISM' IN LATIN AMERICA. HE SAID THAT PERU'S PROPOSAL THAT THE COUNTRIES OF THE REGION STOP ARMS BUYING FOR AT LEAST TEN YEARS, DURING WHICH FUNDS WOULD BE CHANNELLED INTO DEVELOPMENT PROGRAMS, IS STILL AN ACTIVE ONE. DE LA FLOR SAID THAT THE ONLY THING THE PERU HAS DONE IS TO UPDATE ITS ARMAMENTS BECAUSE WHAT IT HAD WAS OBSOLETE AND FOR THE MOST PARTY OF WORLD WAR II VINTAGE".

2. LA PRENSA ALSO REPORTS THAT CHILE WILL RECEIVE THE BRITISH-BUILT MISSILE FRIGATE "CONDELL" AT THE END OF AUGUST. THE NEWSPAPER STATES THAT A SECOND FRIGATE AND TWO SUBMARINES ARE ALSO UNDER CONSTR

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TION IN BRITAIN FOR CHILE. LA PRENSA ADDS EDITORIALY THAT CHILE
IS UNDERGOING AN ECONOMIC CRISIS WHICH CONTRADICTS THE SPENDING OF
DOLLARS AND POUNDS ON ARMAMENTS. LA PRENSA WONDERS WHAT COUNTRY
CHILE IS ARMING AGAINST SINCE SHIPS ARE NOT USED FOR INTERNAL ORDER.
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